

Cultural Council Minutes

December 15, 2010

Present: Leah Kliger, Kathy Feek, Erik Gordon, Cathy Heffron, Sheila Mickool, GG Getz, Melissa Nelson, Rebecca Devere, Amy Whittenburg, Julie Huffman (staff)

Absent: Jeff Parks, Bhaj Townsend, Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff)

MEETING MINUTES

November minutes were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Financial Update

Julie reported that the Council has a balance of \$1500. She has requested that it be carried over. Decisions about carryovers will be made in the first quarter of 2011. Indications have been that it will be approved. There is also approximately \$475 left of the 4Culture grant funds. The artiliation team has receipts from funds they have spent for the Artwalk that they would like to turn in that could total \$400-\$500. CACHET may need funds for the framing of the awards for the event in March, but it could be spent now. Motion made that CACHET receive \$100 for the framing, and the \$375 can reimburse for funds spent on the Artwalk. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public/Private Art

The committee is meeting tomorrow. Indications are that they are moving forward on the signal box on Lake and Kirkland Ave. They will also discuss public art for the Park Place intersection.

Kirkland CACHET

The committee is actively planning for the Kirkland Cultural Council and Mayor's CACHET Award: an award for the individual or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to arts, culture or heritage in 2010. Deadline for the nominations will be Monday, January 24th. The CACHET committee will make recommendations to the Cultural Council, who will make the final decision on the award recipient. The committee is hoping Kirkland Views and the Reporter will help distribute nomination information, as well as sending it out through the CACHET list. There are eligibility requirements and criteria. Nominees must live or do business in Kirkland. The intention is to honor someone who has done significant work in 2010, as it is an annual award, though historical contributions can be considered. Individuals may nominate more than one person. The event will be at Heritage Hall and tours will be given of the downstairs heritage museum. A separate Cultural Council meeting will be needed to decide on the award recipient.

FUNd Development

The committee is planning 8-10 Artisanal parties for fundraising in February and March. Each party can host 10-20 people, and will cost \$20 per person. The committee needs 2-3 sentences to describe the event. Council would like to use these funds to continue to support SIFF and KAST and other events they have supported in the past.

Artilizing Kirkland

Rebecca reported that the pop up shops will stay open until Christmas. Cathy and Kathy coordinated the window decorating contest, which went very well. They felt that the awards were much appreciated, even the honorable mention recipients were thrilled. Award winners were: Linda Lu, KOAP, Chateau Cadeu Christmas Shop, and Simplicity Décor. The Artwalks will continue through the winter, with the committee helping out

again in March, possibly as the first Friday. The committee requests funds for music and balloons. Fish Frolic information is out to the artists, and we will have Kirkland dates soon. Discussion arose regarding the downtown retailers, and the struggles they have. Rebecca has learned a lot in her time at the pop up shop and would like to share that information. Leah suggested inviting the City Manager back. Another possibility is to invite the owner of the mall to a Cultural Council meeting to discuss bringing artists and galleries back to Kirkland—he is interested in pursuing that idea. Discussion arose regarding the sense that Kirkland is no longer an “artsy” town. People associate the loss of the galleries with the loss of the art feel. The group would like to further this discussion—potentially at a CACHET event: how to bring people downtown to support the retailers and how to encourage galleries to return.

Artist Live/Work Spaces

Leah and Deb Twersky are on the committee, Erik would like to join. GG recommended Boris Srdar and Jennifer Bushnell to join, and Kathy recommended Linda Meuter, all prior KCC members. The committee is hoping to get the feasibility study done this year. It is hoping to find some grant funds for this. It will be meeting with City Council members asking their support.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Positions on Cultural Council

The Council has two openings left by Margit and Emily. Council brainstormed possible Cultural Council members: Marianne Francis, Linda Paros, Kathy mentioned Scott _____ (architect with Curtis Gelat), Mary Ord, Tim Olsen, Fred Coleman, Cathy Handfelt of 100 Hounds of Kirkland. Recommend advertising through youth council and Studio East to find young people.

4th of July Float Entry

Council discussed having a float in the 4th of July parade. This would be a good year to raise awareness about the Cultural Council. Melissa’s family has an old car that may be able to be used. Erik volunteered to organize this effort.

Economic Impact of Kirkland Arts

Bhaji may chair an ad hoc committee to utilize the Americans for the Arts calculator to determine the impact of the arts in Kirkland. The report should include the LTAC information submitted on the application about the economic impact of their events. Many of the organizations have already gathered this information for Artsfund or other regional studies. The Council would like to have the public art included in the study.

Council finished with Artful Month, which included Erik’s engagement story-- left not a dry eye in the room.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00.